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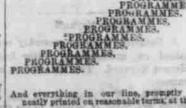
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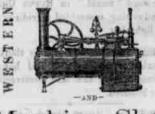
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ties of France: At the ball given by the Minister of the Marine the French Emperor was vigorously teased by a lady so well hid-den in her domino and mask his Majesty could not discover who she was. The knowledge that her disguise was impenetrable made her very saucy—saucy to a degree which surprised his ears. She questioned him upon all his secrets, not omitting his amorous enterprises. more she talked the greater became his desire to know who she was; and at last, after a speech which exceeded all the others in sauciness, he took her hand, saying: "I will discover who you are, for I will hold you until you leave the ball, and so hear the name by which your carriage is called." She replied, "I am going now." He offered to see her to the door. "Willingly," she answered. "And by what name shall I call your carriage?" She said: "The carriage of M'me Benoiton." The Emperor

laughed heartily, and confessed he was foiled. You know M'me Benoiton is the invisible woman in Mons. Sardon's last The Emperor and Empress, and es pecially the former, have taken all of as by surprise. They have shown the pos-session of musical talents none of us sussession of musical talents none of us suspected they possessed. At a recent concert at the Tuileries, they made the artists—who were the brothers Lyonet—sing Beranger's "Le Dieu des Bongs Gens," and their majesties both joined in. Mons. Alary played with great applause one of Artol's most brilliant and difficult compositions for the violin. The Emperor went up to him, and while examining the instrument, which was a most valuable one, praised Mons. Alary's skill. His Majesty then placed the violin under his chin, and proceeded to run lin under his chin, and proceeded to run through some of the most arduous exer-cises of the chromatic scale with great ease, showing that he was a most accom-

plished violin player. Nobody suspected he possessed this talent. He is really a very accomplished man. As a shot with pistol, fowling-piece and rifle, he has few superiors. He is a first-rate horseman and driver, swims and rows to perfection, draws and paints well, speaks English, German, Italian, and French well, is an excellent Latin scholar and reads Greek fluently, is professedly versed in artillery and military history. which presupposes thorough acquain-tance with the mathematics, sings well, plays not only on the piano, but the vio-lin, well, and writes well. What a pity it is that the young men, who lounge and dawdle about hotels, could not be goaded into better use of their time and money! The French Emperor is training his son in the same school in which he was taught, and although the lad will lack the stern master - adversity - which taught his father such valuable lessons, he will want father such valuable lessons, he will want scarcely any other. He speaks already English, German and French; he is thoroughly drilled as a soldier; he is well trained in the gymnssium, he rides, fences, swims, rows well; he is making good progress in Greek, Latin and the mathematics; he is a tolerable shot with the fowling-piece. His father wisely pays particular attention to the education of the body, which assures that first of earthly blessings—health, which is no inconsiderable step towards the possession

Moonlight Duel on Citadel Groon. From the Charleston (S. C.) News.

A duel took place on the Citadel Green, on last Saturday night, which was brought about as follows: A party of gentlemen, do rous of get-ting up an excitement, do a sed one of their number to inform Lieutenant Blank (a Federal officer) that a Mr. Nemo (a civilian) had remarked that said Lieut. Blank was a coward, who disliked the ameli of guapowder, and had never smelt any in a fight of any kind. The Lieutenant was, of course, indigment, and indulged in some highly uncomplimen-tary remarks about Mr. Nemo, which, being duly reported, resulted in an invi-tation to partake of pistols without cof-fee, which was at once accepted; and, for fear of interruption by the authorities,

it was mutually agreed upon that it would be best to kill each other as soon as possible, and that they should at once pro-ceed to the Citadel Green, and bang away

by the light of the inconstant moon.

The pistols were duly loaded by the seconds, who, on the way from the Merseconds, who, on the way from the mer-chants Hotel to the scene of action promptly and wisely drew the balls. Lieut. Blank requested his friend, in case of accident, to send his body on to New York to his family, while Mr. Nemo was equally anxious as to the proper dispo-sition of his tenement of clay. Arriving on the ground, the two principals were placed back to back, and the word was given to walk five paces, wheel and fire. They walked and wheeled—bang went They walked and wheeled—bang went pistol No. 1, pop went pistol No. 2—and nobody hurt. "Try it over," said the brave seconds—"hit'em again," thought the brave principals, and once more they are back to back. At the word they walk, wheel, and bang goes No. 1, pop goes No. 2, and no one hurt yet. According to the code, the thing was then amicably adjusted; all shook hands; the party returned to the Merchants' Hotel; the thing was explained and made up, and champagne called for and poured down—and so ended this joke. But the murder of the Rue de la Ville l'Eveque, and which led to his arrest. The documents connected with this case already form a large volume of four hundred pages. The prisoner is the content of the man who is supposed to have strangled the President Poncet enjoys also a very great success. Another photograph much sought after is that of Phillippe much sought after is that of Phillippe probably take place in May, is accused of having committed seventeen murders similar to the one he perpetrated in the Rue de la Ville l'Eveque, This criminal, whose trial will probably take place in May, is accused of having committed seventeen murders similar to the one he perpetrated in the Rue de la Ville l'Eveque, This criminal, whose trial will probably take place in May, is accused of having committed seventeen murders similar to the one he perpetrated in the Rue de la Ville l'Eveque. This criminal, whose trial will probably take place in May, is accused of having committed seventeen murders similar to the one he perpetrated in the Rue de la Ville l'Eveque, and which led to his arrest. The documents connected with the resident Poncet enjoys also a very great success. Another photograph much sought after is that of Phillippe and the President Poncet enjoys also a very great success. Another photograph much sought after is that of Phillippe and the President Poncet enjoys also a very great success. Another photograph much sought after is that of Phillippe and the President Poncet enjoys also a very great success.

and here it is:

A Federal officer, who is a jolly companion, and whose name is — none of
your business, hearing that this duel was to take place on the Battery, invited party of friends, Northerners and Southparty of friends, Northerners and South-erners mixed, to walk down and see the fun. As the party neared the guard-house, the officer conceived the idea of making the fun still funnier by taking down a squad of policemen to take up the principals, seconds, and lookers-on. When the policemen got on the Battery they, of course, did not see the duel, which was then going on upon the Citadel which was then going on upon the Citadel Green; and after being detained there-on the Battery—for sometime, they grew tired, thought the thing a hoax, and commenced to remonstrate with the officer the remonstration increased and partool of the nature of jawing; which changed into sauciness, which begat a row, which ended in the arrest of the officer, who was duly grabbed and marched down to the guard-house. The affair, like the other, ended pleasantly; we believe that more champagne was ordered at the Merchant's Hotel, and—"All's well that

The Science of Kissing.

has evidently been treated to a kiss.

Don't be in a hurry; draw her gently, lovingly to your heart; her head will fall lightly upon your shoulder, and a hand-some shoulder atrap it makes. Don't be in a hurry; send a little life down your left arm. Her left hand is in your right, let there be an impression to that, not like the grip of a vice, but a gentle clasp, full of electricity, thought and respect. Don'the in a hurry! Her head lies carelessly on your shoulder! You are nearly heart to heart! Look down into her half-closed eyes! Gently, yet manfully, press her to your bosom! Stand firm. Be brave, but don't be in a hurry. Her lips are almost open! Lean lightly forward with your head, not the body. Take good aim; the lips meet—the eyes close—the heart opens—the soul rides the storms, troubles and sorrews of life, (don't be in a hurry) —heaven opens before you—the world shoots from under your feet as a meteor flashes across the evening sky, (don't be afraid)—the nerves dance before the just erected altar of love, as zephyrs dance with the dew-trimmed flowers—the heart forgets its bitterness, and the art of kissing is learned. No noise, no tues, no fluttering and squirming like hook-impaled worms. Kissing don't hurr; it don't require a brass hand to make it legal. Don't jab down on a beautiful mouth as if spearing for frogs! Don't grab and yank the lady as if she were a straggling colt! Don't muss her hair, scratch down her collar, bite her cheek,

Charles Dickens on the "Pickwick Papers."

Mr. Seymour, the artist, never origi nated, suggested or in any way had to do with, save as the illustrator of what I devised, an incident, a character, (except the sporting tastes of Mr. Winkle, a name, phrase, or a word, to be found in the Pickwick Papers. I never saw Mr. Seymour's handwriting, I believe, in my life. I never even saw Mr. Seymour but sons, both still living, were present on that short occasion. Mr. Seymour died when only the first twenty-four printed pages of the 'Pickwick Papers' were or four pages were completely written; I am sure before one subsequent line of the book was invented. In July, 1849, widow of Mr. Seymour, in the course of several endeavors of hers to raise money, induced me to address a letter to Mr. Edward Chapman, then the only surviving business partner in the original firm of Chapman & Hall, who first published the 'Pickwick Papers,' requesting him to inform me whether the foregoing state-ment was correct. In Mr. Chapman's,

wrote, 'I may as well claim what little belongs to me in the matter, and that is the figure of Pickwick. Seymour's first sketch, made from the proof of my first chapter, was of a long, thin man. The present immortal one he made from my description of a friend of mine at Rich-mond." mond.

A New Mania in Paris. A new mania has taken possession of the citizens of Paris, that of collecting portraits of great political criminals, murderers, etc. The photograph of Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, is, I am sorry to say, obtaining a very large sale, especially among the fair sex, who think him a very fine-looking man ("un tre joli garcon"). The carte de visite of the

there was another, and perhaps a richer one, connected with this bloodless duel, ume of four hundred pages. The pris oner seems to be so well aware of the fat which awaits him, that he has already attempted twice to commit suicide in his cell at the prison La Force - London

Exodus from Chicago. A letter, written from Chicago last week, says: A prominent auctioneer in this city says he now has contracts to sell the furniture of no less than five handred ticipations of cholera, no doubt, tionate rents demanded by house owners and agents. Business prospects for this season will not justify poor men in re-maining here and submitting to the im-

The "local" of the Raleigh Standard

People will kiss, yet not one in a hun dred knows how to extract bliss from lovely lips, no more than they know how to make diamonds from charcoal. And yet it is easy, at least for us. First know whom you are to kiss. Don't make a mistake, although a mistake may be good. Don't jump up like a trout for a fly, and smack a woman on the neck, on the ear, or on the corner of her forehead. on the end of her nose, or knock off her waterfall. The gentleman should be a little the taller. He should have a clean face, a kind eye, a mouth full of expression. Don't kiss everybody. Don't sit down to it; stand up. You need not be anxious about getting in a crowd. Two persons are plenty to corner and catch a kiss; more persons spoil the sport. Take kiss; more persons spoil the sport. Take for a few moments' interchange of woes the left hand of the lady in your right; let your hat go to any place out of the Broomall. His loss of voice, stomach way; throw the left hand gently over the shoulder of the lady, and let the hand fall down upon the right side toward the belt.

squizzie her rich ribbons, and leave her mussed and rumpled! Don't flavor your kisses with onions, tobacco, gin cocktails, lager beer, brandy, etc., for a maud lin kiss is worse than the itch to a deli-

A day or two ago we copied from an

once in my life, and that was within 48 hours of his untimely death. Two perpublished; I think, before the next three some incoherent assertions made by the

confirmatory answer, immediately writ-ten, he reminded me that I had given Mr. Soymour more credit than was his due. 'As this letter is to be historical,' be

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families, between this date and the first of June. Some of these families will try boarding house life in the city, but most of them are preparing to go into the country, or to some other cities, where there is less extortion and filth. It is safe to predict that within the next sixty days not less than fifteen hundred families will evacuate this "port." Ansomething to do with this emeute, but a more potent cause is found in the extor-

positions that threaten them. I am confident that, soon after the first of May, rents will drop from forty to fifty per cent below the figures now demanded, and even then they will be high enough to afford a fair interest on the money invested in rentable property. The Dead Duck Coming to Grief.

A Washington correspondent thus makes a note of the change that has come over the spirit of the Chevalier Forney: The Secretary of the Senate shows grief. Earlier in the season he would trip lightly through the Capitol passage from the Senate to the Lower House, appear inside the bar of the House and lay a message from the Senate before Mr. Speaker, with a loud voice, creased countenance and an advanced stomach. Latterly, however, when he appears, he appears dejected. He mumbies in a faint voice the titles of the pa-pers which he holds in his hat and slides sorrowfully away to a sofa in the lobby

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